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EVA, LOOK AT ENVELOPE,

LOS ANGELES CAL,

you are DR to me this AM,

JUNE 3 1976,

next time just plain old EVA,

the bible said a profit is not without honor only in his own town,
that is because the home folks know just how no good you are,
a fine way to begin a uplifting letter, well I am one of aunt (haggars
children, A (NeGRO,) & a bible chacator, I^d you dont know your bible)
another durty crack, now for my letter , I'M all mixed up, I dont know
who owes who, seems to me I owe you. IF not please send a stamp back to
me, I say my stamps are the only luctry money I spend, I write to 15 are
more, but have to cut down are make them farther apart, for I cant
think of who I want to cut out, look like my stamps go so fast, & I am
not hinting at you to send me stamps, ythat would be like saying you pay
me to have the joy of writing you, (smile, like a old preacher called
me one day & told me he would come to see me im I would give him his
carfare back, I ask hom (what do you think this is)? there is men
would pay plenty money to come see a brown skin woman like me,
I'M in bed as ususal, as ususal I get spirit to write before day, if
I jar the floor first I get to bussy to write, with flowers to hoe vines
on fense west & hedge on fense east trees & shrubs to keep trimed
with early prayer at church & the many home cares i have to stay on the
ball, & I just have to get on the street & let the public see what a
great grand ma has to offer, , & it is kinda pritty, if they would
only see whats IN the heart, nothing but (LOVE) everybody is so precious
& every single one has somthing beautifull, I told them at church to
not think evil if they see a drunkard are a white man kissing me on the
street are at home, for oftimes when I begin telling them they are some
body & jesus & I love them & make them know how dear theair are you would
be surprised to see how it touches them some of them tell me they
want to cry, one was telling me about his girl friend, I ask why dont

you marry her he said I am not going to marry her if I was going to marry I would marry you, girl I laughed & said thats the best thing I'VE heard today, & I'M old enough to be his great grand ma, I tell you girl this is the most beautiful time of my life, I ant got time to be limping around here with pain, life is to beautifull & i red in th the scripture that the lord said (he would that ew^W should prosper & be in good health) then if thats his dezire for us, (why cant I except ITO? for I wont be arounE here to much longer, Maby 30 years are little more & I mean to get every ounce of joy out of it that is in it, I mean to make whoopee every day, but between you & me before I begin I get up & d@ the split the shimmy she wabble rñn on my toes stretch m my eyes twist my head, shake my kaboose , what I dont do isnt in the book, I feel leaders pull every way i turn I tell my knees I&LL walk sti f leg before I give you the pleasure of limping, I ant got time to write this letter now got to get up & do my thim^g & start my day, I didnt know I was going to write all this mess when I started, but you cant say I didnt write you good bye girl love & GOD remember you & your pains, I want none of them

(Crasy?) (maby) (but I think 'I'M ~~NA~~ happy). CELIA,